

Specialty Certificate Examination (SCE) in Respiratory Medicine 2025 Selected Examination Metrics

The 2025 SCE in Respiratory Medicine examinations were sat in March and December 2025 by 554 candidates of whom 334 were self-declared UK resident doctors. From 2022 'OTH' self-declared UK resident doctors are excluded from UK resident doctors' cohort.

Candidates who did not declare their training details and the OTH group are reported as 'Other candidates' (220).

Pass Mark

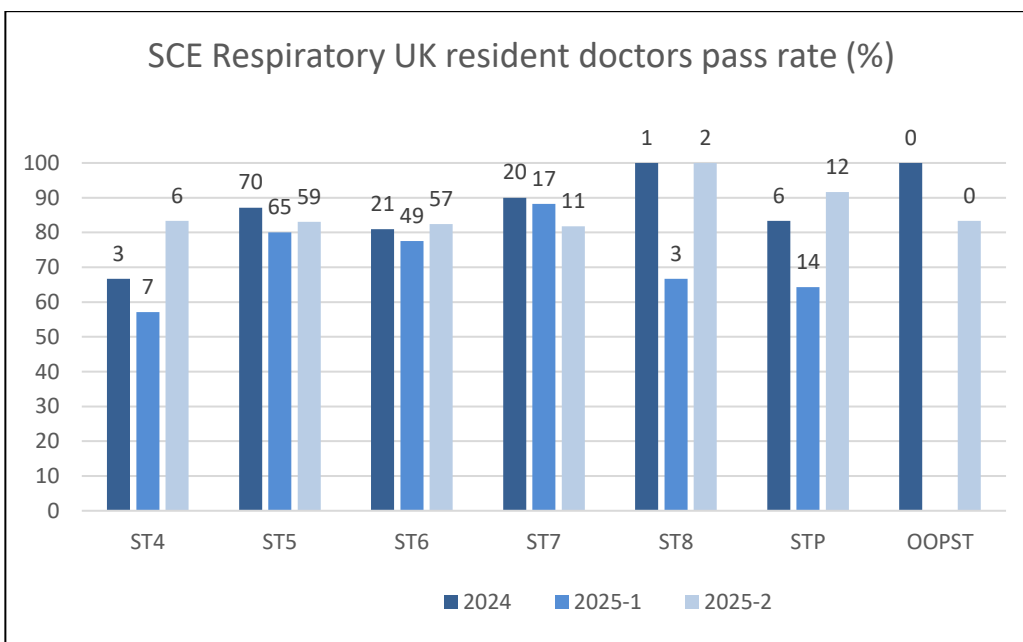
The pass mark for the March examination was established by equating based on 2019 UK resident doctors' performance and the pass mark for the December examination was established by equating based on 2025 UK resident doctors' performance. The standards of the examination were reviewed in June 2025 and the pass score was increased from 383 to **457**. All future examinations will use 457 as the passing score until the standards are reviewed by the SCE Respiratory Medicine Examination Board.

For the 2025-1 SCE Respiratory Medicine March examination the pass mark was set at **383 (64.5% or 127/197)**.

For the 2025-2 SCE Respiratory Medicine December examination the pass mark was set at **457 (61% or 122/200)**.

UK resident doctors' performance

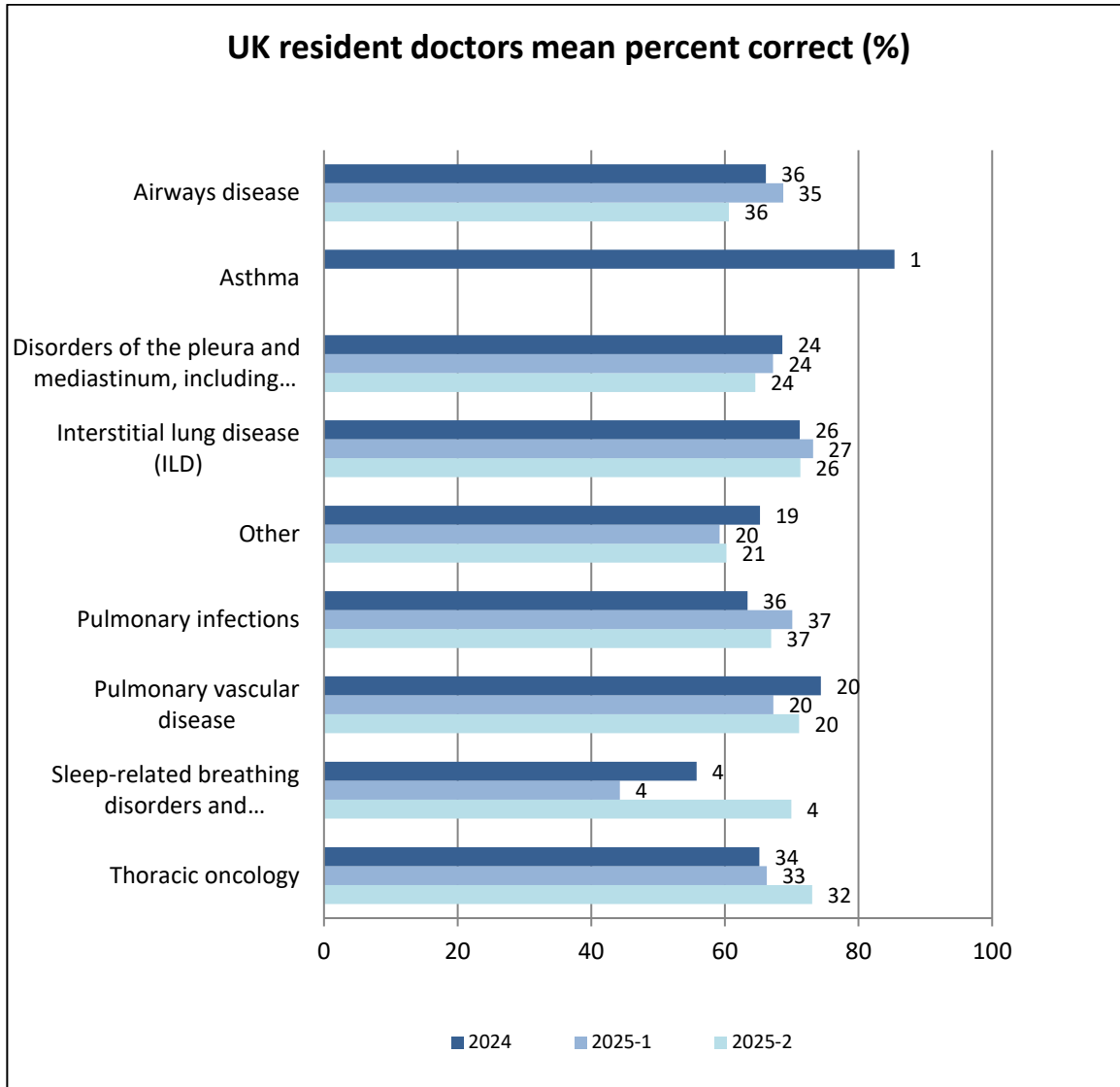
In 2025 the highest number of sitting resident doctors is in ST5 (124) and their pass rate is 81.5%. The 2025 pass rate for UK resident doctors is 80.5% and for all candidates is 67%.



Note: The numbers at the top of the bars are the number of resident doctors sitting

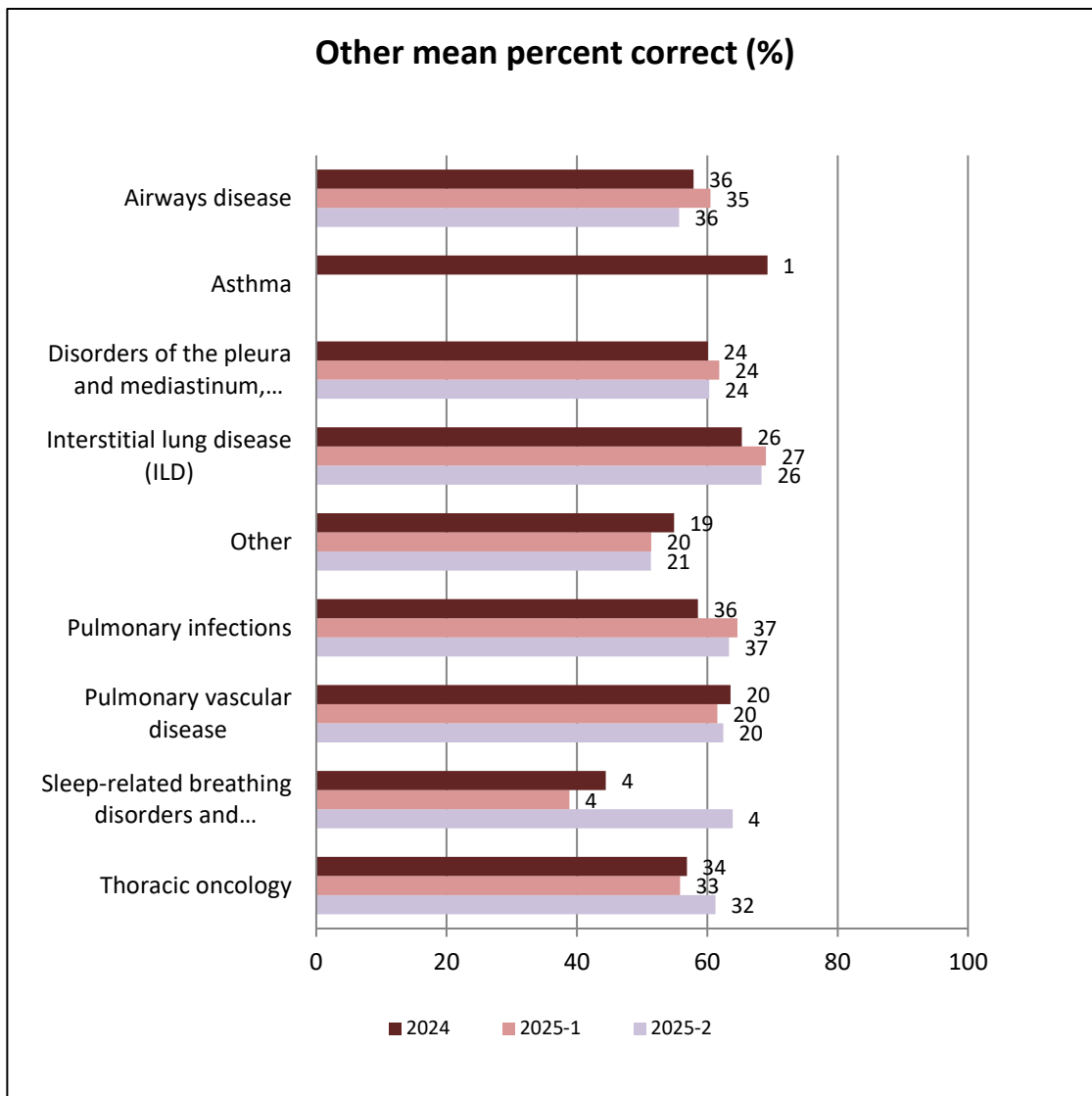
Topic performance

In 2025-1 UK resident doctors have the highest percent correct in Interstitial lung disease (ILD) (73.2%) and the lowest in Sleep-related breathing disorders and hypoventilation (44.3%). In 2025-2 UK resident doctors have the highest percent correct in Thoracic oncology (73.1%) and the lowest in Other (60.2%).



Data labels on chart represent the number of questions per topic

In 2025-1 Other candidates have the highest percent correct in Interstitial lung disease (ILD) (69%) and the lowest in Sleep-related breathing disorders and hypoventilation (38.8%). In 2025-2 Other candidates have the highest percent correct in Interstitial lung disease (ILD) (68.3%) and the lowest in Other (51.4%).



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